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Letter dated 27 January 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Nicaragua to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Mr. Enrique Dreyfus, in his capacity as Secretary pro tempore of the Security Commission of the Esquipulas II agreements, addressed to the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States and the Secretary-General of the United Nations (see annex) to inform them of the following:

1. The establishment of a mechanism composed of the five Central American countries, with the assistance of the Organization of American States and the United Nations, for verifying inventories of military installations and the troops and weapons of the military and security forces in the Central American region;

2. The mandate given to the Secretary pro tempore of the Security Commission to make arrangements with the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States for international assistance and support for the removal of mines from the Central American region;

3. The proposal to address a note to the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of American States at the next meeting of the Executive Commission, composed of the Central American Ministers for Foreign Affairs, so that the two organizations might help the Security Commission devise a mechanism for the disarming of civilians, in accordance with the internal legislation of each of the five Central American countries.

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We should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 28, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Roberto MAYORGA CORTES
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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ANNEX

Letter dated 7 December 1990 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States

I have the honour to address you both in connection with the meeting of the Security Commission of the Esquipulas agreements held at Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on 23 and 24 November 1990, with a view to informing you, in my capacity as Secretary pro tempore, of those matters which are of relevance to your organizations, as set out in the concluding document of the meeting.

With regard to the establishment of inventories of military installations and troops and weapons of military and security forces in the Central American region, it was agreed that "an inventory-verification mechanism should be established, composed of the five Central American countries, with the help of the United Nations and the Organization of American States". In that connection, the Secretary pro tempore of the Security Commission was asked to "transmit to the secretariats of both organizations the request to that end made by the Central American countries", a request which I now bring to your attention.

In addition, "the Secretary pro tempore of the Security Commission was asked to make the relevant arrangements with the Secretaries-General of the United Nations and the Organization of American States with a view to obtaining international assistance and support for the removal of mines from the region", another request which I bring to your attention.

Finally, the Security Commission, in considering the question of disarming civilians, agreed to propose that "at the next meeting of the Executive Commission, the Central American Ministers for Foreign Affairs should address a note to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States requesting their assistance in devising a mechanism for the disarming of civilians in accordance with the internal legislation of each country. The necessary assistance might be channelled through, inter alia, the International Support and Verification Commission (CIAV)". The Government of Nicaragua intends to submit a draft text on this subject to the Central American Ministers for Foreign Affairs for consideration at their meeting at the Puntarenas summit.

Accept, Sirs, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration and my continued appreciation for your invaluable support for the Central American peace process and the important work of the Security Commission in particular.